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COLUMBUS ST.

ARMSTRONG

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	COLUMBUS ST. (38-18)	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	6	9	1	
	ARMSTRONG (44-9)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	





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COLUMBUS, Ga. - The host Columbus State Cougars put up five runs in the fifth inning to knock the No. 6-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State University softball team from the 2012 Peach Belt Conference Championships with a 6-0 win in the semifinals at Cougar Park in Columbus.

The loss halts the Pirates' 18-game win streak as Armstrong falls to 44-9 on the season. Columbus State improves to 38-18 and advances to the PBC Championship game, where they will face three-time defending tournament champion North Georgia.

A scoreless contest went into the fourth inning where Columbus State sent 11 players to the plate in the five-run frame. Kara Gordon started the scoring with an RBI single, then Morgan Staffins drove in a run with a single and Kori Waugh followed with an RBI double, chasing Armstrong starter **Celia Blome** (3-3). A fielder's choice RBI and a bases-loaded walk to Casey Googe capped the scoring in the inning.

Meanwhile, the Pirates could get little started against Columbus State starter Mollie Russell (19-10), who collected the four-hit shutout, striking out seven for the victory.

Staffins added a solo home run in the seventh to cap the scoring in the contest. Blome finished the game giving up seven hits and four runs in three-plus innings, walking one while striking out one, taking the loss for the Pirates.

BATTING

COLUMBUS ST.

2B: Casey Googe; Kori Waugh

3B: none

HR: Morgan Staffins

ARMSTRONG

2B: **Celia Blome**

3B: none

HR: none

FULL STATS

With her sixth-inning bunt single, senior **April Jowers** became the Peach Belt Conference's all-time hits leader with her 331st hit, passing Brantley Mack of Lander. She now ranks eighth on the NCAA Division II's all-time hits list. Jowers and **Shelby Duff** were each named to the All-Tournament Team.

Armstrong will now await word of a possible NCAA Championships at-large berth, to be announced on Monday, April 30th.



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